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MEMORANDUM FOR:

THE SECRETARY OF STATE
THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
THE DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT:

Intelligence Charter Legislation-

The President, in his talks with the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, endorsed the principle of charter legislation for the intelligence agencies and agreed to work closely with Congress in this area. He also directed in Presidential Directive/NSC-17 that the new Executive Order for the Intelligence Community should provide the basis for consultation with Congress on the development of appropriate charter legislation.

The SCC-created PRM/NSC-Il Coordination Committee chaired by David Aaron will assume responsibility for overall coordination and review of the charter drafting process subject to ultimate SCC consideration and Presidential approval. The objective will be to develop an authoritative Administration position on all outstanding intelligence charter issues.

As a starting point CIA, NSA, DIA, NRO, NURP, and the FBI should submit for Coordination Committee consideration their views, including as appropriate specific legislative language on charter legislation from their organizations no later than 31 August. These proposals should include an indication of the degree of consultation to date with the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence and an indication of any problems expected with Congress.

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